

RESOLUTION NO. 84
Freeman Family Reunion

WHEREAS, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to note and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the migration of the Freeman family to St. Louis, Missouri, from Tupelo, Mississippi, in the year of 1916; and

WHEREAS, the offspring of George Vance and Estelle Oliver Freeman will take a moment on July 16 to remember the Freemans' fore parents, who raised 13 children, affectionately known as the "Freeman 13," during times of trials and triumphs; they may not be here in body today, but their offspring know they are with us in spirit and present with the Freeman family at all times; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Remembering Our Past and Looking Forward to Our Future" will echo the theme used to mark the very first reunion weekend, held in their honor, so that future generations of the Freeman family will know their past as they may carry on their future; and

WHEREAS, "A Love Like This," the Freeman Family Reunion award, inceptioned on Saturday July 16, 2016, is awarded to the following family members: Donald Cross, Marvin Freeman, Janet Simmons, Mildred Greene, Charlene Bills, and Natalie Starr, for displaying love, strength, character, and integrity above and beyond the boundaries of the expected, and hereafter awarded biannually to a member of the Freeman family who carries the above mentioned qualities, the Freeman family is taking this occasion to honor and recognize the eldest living family member, Frankie Muse Freeman, Esq., who will celebrate the centennial of her birth in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is with much pride and joy that the Freeman family recognizes family members who have graduated on all levels of education, served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and for all significant achievements accomplished to promote confidence and strength among family as well as in the community; and

WHEREAS, One Hundred years later, the Freeman Family has continued to grow with generations of children being raised in faith by family members that include ordained Reverends, Ministers, Pastors, and Deacons, who practice in the ways of God, as well as musicians, educators, entrepreneurs, and law and medical practitioners who have contributed greatly to the spirit of St. Louis and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Freeman Family migration to St. Louis, Missouri, from Tupelo, Mississippi, commemorated by the first Freeman Family Reunion Weekend, as they unite on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Road. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward
The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen